

COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO
APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT
TO A BOARD, COMMISSION, OR COMMITTEE



Date: FEB/22/2007

Applying For: Los Osos Wastewater Project Technical Advisory Committee

Name: STEVE PAIGE

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Supervisory District: _____ Years resided in County: _____

Present Occupation/Employer: SELF EMPLOYED LICENCED CONTRACTOR.
SINCE 1976 BUILDING SOLAR HOMES IN SAN LUIS OBISPO
COUNTY.

If retired, past Occupation/Employer: _____

Education: HS GRAD @ 3 YEARS COLLEGE AT U.C.S.B.

List any school courses, volunteer activities, special skills, training, certificates, licenses, or work experience that you feel relate to your qualifications. If you like, you may attach a separate sheet for this purpose or to state your qualifications.

SEE ATTACHED RESUME. I PERSONALLY PROPOSED
PERMIT NO. PMT-2005-03320 NITROGEN SEQUESTERING
ON MY PROPERTY AS A INTERUM MEASURE TO REMOVE
NITROGEN POLLUTION FROM MY PROPERTY (SEE ATTACHED)

Previous service on county or city advisory bodies or an elected office (names/dates).

CAYUCOS CAC (1990-92)
LOS OSOS CAC LAND USE COMMITTEE (PRESENT)
LOCSO AD-HOC SEPTIC MAINTAINCE COMMITTEE (PRESENT)
MORRO BAY WATER ADVISORY BOARD (4 YEARS)
CITY OF SAN LUIS CONTRACTORS GRIEVANCE BOARD (2 YRS.)

Membership in Organizations: LOCAC - LAND USE COMMITTEE
LOUSD ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON SEPTIC SYSTEM MAINTANANCE
LO CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Please explain why you would like to serve (attach a separate sheet if necessary):

I OWN MY HOME IN THE P.Z. OUTRIGHT AND
MAKE VERY LITTLE MONEY PER YEAR BECAUSE OF
A BACK INJURY. I AM A LOW INCOME RESIDENT
HERE AND WOULD LIKE TO REPRESENT THEIR INTERESTS
IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE 218 VOTE AND SEWER
SYSTEM DESIGN.

I HAVE STUDIED THE 218 ISSUE AND FEEL THAT
IT IS IMPORTANT THAT THE COUNTY NOT MAKE THE
SAME ERRORS AND OMISSIONS THE PREVIOUS
CSD DID IN THEIR ENGINEER'S REPORT. MY
ANALYSIS OF THE 218 ISSUE IS ATTACHED.
AS ARE SOME CREATIVE SOLUTIONS THAT WILL
AVOID THE VACANT LOT - ARTICLE 13-D HURDLE.
(SEE ATTACHED)

If appointed, are you willing to participate in the majority of meetings each year and, if necessary, in numerous related meetings or subcommittees? ☒ YES ☐ NO

Should you be appointed, are you willing, if necessary for that particular body, to file a statement of disclosure as a public official under the standards set forth by the Fair Political Practice Commission? ☒ YES ☐ NO

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Date called/interviewed _____ Recommended for appointment? ☐ YES ☐ NO

Appointee prefers not to have address or phone number published? ☐ YES ☐ NO

Additional Comments: _____

Resume Steve Paige

Summary of Skills:

Versatile, creative, and highly skilled, experienced in dealing well with people of all ages, cultural and socioeconomic backgrounds, and degrees of ability. Strongly safety-minded. Exceptionally well organized. Experienced in creating effective drafting and construction presentations using computer applications in conjunction with city/county ordinances, Estimating, Structural Design Software, Licensed General Contractor for 23 years. Highly adaptable; accustomed to making good use of time and resources. Technology and computer-literate with use of the following programs: Microsoft Word, Excel, Power Point, Adobe Pagemaker, Macromedia Dreamweaver, FTP protocols, STRUCALC, CAD, GIS Software, CA Title 24 Software- ENERGYPRO, plus scanning and OCR Experience.

Employment:

California West Property Management 2002-2004

Maintenance worker- specializing in remodeling, water damage and code corrections.

Construction Self Employed 1978 – 2002 General Contractor Self

Employed, San Luis Obispo, CA Designer/ Builder of passive solar homes and remodels; Extensive drafting experience, CAD drafting, plot plan preparation, parcel map preparation, grading plans, elevations, zoning calculations, structural design, sun-path diagrams, solar/thermal calculation, zoning reviews, subdivision development, CEC documentation, heat load calculations.

1975-1978 Field Construction Superintendent Sun Studios, Canoga Park, CA

Drawing of remodel plans, taking out permits, and worked on all phases of construction in various areas.

Other Experience:

1982-1988 Committee Member

Morro Bay Water Advisory Board, M.B. CA Presented and researched water issues and proposed solutions.

2000- 2002 Contractors Resolution Board, City of San Luis Obispo

Reviewed disputes between Contractors and City Planning and Building Staff.

1970-1972 Liaison Non-Profit,

Hospital Rate and Research Institute, Beverly Hills CA Attended board meetings of various non-profits and communicated information on hospital rate trends

1969 Field Cartographer

Anthropology Dept., UCLA Drew maps of artifact findings for Little Pico Creek Anthropological dig.

Education:

1969-1970, Univ. CA Santa Barbara, Santa Barbara CA Fine

Art major, Anthropology minor.

1966-1969, CA State Northridge, Northridge, CA Fine

Art major, Anthropology minor.

Licenses:

1978-2002 General Contracting and Remodeling 385994 (Now on inactive status.)

Prop 218 Hurdles and Challenges
Prepared for TAC acceptance review by Steve Paige.

For the sake of a majority vote procedure, the County has chosen to use the fee basis for revenue under article 13D. This is problematical based on the unresolved suit described as CV 050649, LOS OSOS TAXPAYER'S ASSOCIATION VS. LOCSD and STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD that was dismissed recently without prejudice. By using 'user fees', the County exposes itself to a 13-D SEC.-1(a) challenge where the County would have to prove that their interpretation of the law does not: "Provide any new authority to any agency to impose a tax, assessment, fee, or charge." upon Los Osos PZ taxpayers. The Blakeslee bill is subservient to State Constitutional law, contrary to some off hand County claims otherwise.

If the County accepts ad hoc previous assumptions of authority by the Tri-W project engineers report and design, there may be challenges from within the community and it's ad hoc 218 committee now meeting regularly. The LOCSD by resolution discounted the report last year. There are many flaws in the report and its relation to Article 13D. As a TAC member my first choice is to compromise differences about the previous reports and engineering with your staff, 218 committee, and concerned Los Osos homeowners.

As you know, there was a very public written cancellation by the State Financial Auditor of the State SRF Loan for the Tri-W sewer project that is now in litigation by the LOCSD as a breach of contract by the SWRCB. If the County re-invents the same loan and engineer's report, even in part, it will inherit its many legal weaknesses and consequences. If the County continues with the majority vote procedure based on articles of record, the County assumes the burden of methodologies for vote on the Tri-W sewer project all the way back to the original 46 Million dollar design assessment. A challenge could then be raised if the previous documents are used consistent with the total time line of the original County assessment. To avoid past proximate negligence issues about implementation of Article XIII d, I recommend that the new engineers report be carefully crafted by the County. The short list of irregularities from the total time line would read:

1. Successive cost increases without Article 13D required procedure

2. County mishandling of Article 13D compliance corrective actions
3. No accurate revenue stream commitment in the final contract documents
4. No accurate bifurcation of special vs. general benefit in the present context
5. Improper sizing of the plant which is limited to existing residences only under article 13D 'user fee' revenue procedures and will not allow other outside users not identified in the benefit description to owners within the PZ (Septic dumping).
6. Section 218 Federal Water Pollution Control Act- value engineering challenges including life cycle costs *including private financing exclusive of the past failed loan costs that are not assessable to homeowners under Article 13-D .*
7. Vacant lots require **not** applying the 'user fee' revenue stream formula specifically by description in Article 13D Sec 6-(B)4 (See Below)

No lesser legislative action trumps the State Constitution. So in my eyes, the existing County vote procedure is rife with taxation challenges and potential higher Court appeals.

I would work to prevent that waste of time and to insure low income homeowners are given a fair representation of the special benefits to their property. I want to see you being successful in your 218 vote. We will have to be creative and fair to be sure all the basin stakeholders are allowed access to a common wastewater solution. I know the vacant lots are problematical and have some suspicion that the States cold feet last time had more to do with the revenue stream than the location of the effluvium stream.....

I would see my role on TAC as helping come up with a 218 vote that is above challenge, fair, economically equitable and represents all stakeholders.

Yours Truly,

Steve Paige